(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Price control on drugs is excercised in accordance with the provisions in the 'Modifications in Drug Policy, 1986' and Drug (Prices Control) Order, 1995.

Apharan ya Hatya ka Mamla

3700. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Apharan Ya Hatya Ka Mamala" Paryapt Saboot Na jutane par Adaalat Ne Police ki Khichai Ki", appearing in the Dainik Jagaran, dated August 28, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the reaction the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. The court has held in this case that the evidence led by the prosecution was not sufficient to establish the guilt of the accused persons beyond the shadow of doubt. The Delhi Police have initiated action to determine whether there was any lapse on the part of the investigating officer of the case.

Disparity in Promotional Avenues

3701. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a great disparity in the matter of promotion for the Medical Officers in the Fertilizer Corporation of India and other Fertilizer plants;

(b) whether the promotional avenues are not ecouraging for the Non-medical officials;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government propose to create better promotional avenues for the Medical officers working in the Fertilizer plants under the Fertilizer Corporation of India; and

(e) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) The promotional avenues for Medical Officers in the Fertilizer Corporation of India, which is a sick company, are not different from Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd., which is another sick company.

(b) and (c). The promotions in non-medical disciplines are done on the basis of approved set up of the company and rules for such promotion.

(d) and (e). Being below Board level appointments, the terms and conditions of appointment and promotion of Medical Officers are decided by the Management of the Company.

Girftar Yuvak se Baramad Rakam

3702. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Girftar Yuvak Se Baramad Rakam Paune Do Karor Ya Chalees Lakh" appearing in the 'Jansatta' dated Novermbet 18, 1996;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) whether the Government consider to conduct a C.B.I. probe in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Delhi Police have assigned the matter for a vigilance inquiry.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

[Translation]

Illegal Arms

3703. DR. BALIRAM : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that there is abundance of illegal arms in the various districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether the raids on the premises of the persons having criminal tendencies have been conducted to recover the illegal arms;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken by the Government to recover such illegal arms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d). Information is being collected from the Government of Uttar Pradesh and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Rainfed Area

3704. SHRI MANABENDRA SHAH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Uttrakhand Region of Uttar Pradesh has been identified as the rainfed area;

(b) if so, whether the National Development Projects have been undertaken during the Eighth Five Year Plan period in the said region;